

REMARKS

Responsive to the requirement for the election of species, applicant elects Species II, a flap having a convex inner surface.

However, there are two points as to which the requirement may have been miswritten. These are as follows:

1. Species II and IV are described the same way, as comprising a flap having a convex inner surface. It is assumed, therefore, that Species IV should have referred to a flap having a convex outer surface.

2. As the election of a convex inner surface says nothing about the outer surface, perhaps the Examiner intended also to require a separate election as to the outer surface. If so, then we elect Species IV, a flap having a convex outer surface.

It is believed that claims 1-3, 5, and 7-11 are readable on the elected species.

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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